

General Metaxas simply replied "No" and committed the brave people of Greece to resistance against Axis oppression. With level-headed determination and steadfast resolve, the citizenry of Greece mobilized. Men went calmly to their closets and retrieved their military uniforms and weapons. Women went about their necessary tasks, and the children assisted as they were able.

On OXI Day, the people of Greece chose the harder path, the path of resistance. That brave generation of Hellenes refused to submit to oppression even at the cost of their homes, their land, and their lives. Theirs was an act of self-sacrifice that clearly proclaimed the humanitarian ideals of their Orthodox Christian faith and their ethnic heritage. The Greeks' brave defense of their land was a crucial turning point in the Axis eastern advances. Dogged resistance by Greek patriots weakened Axis morale and derailed the Nazi war effort by delaying the eventual attack on Soviet Union. The Greeks' sacrifice will forever be remembered and honored by the free nations of the world.

I ask my colleagues to join me in saluting the heroes of OXI Day. In their brave words and deeds we see all of the highest virtues of Hellenic heritage: passion for justice, courage at a time of trial, unity in the midst of conflict, and willingness to sacrifice one's life for the good of others. On this day, we thank Greece for saying "OXI."

#### HONORING THE NEW DOVE CHOCOLATE CENTER FOR EXCELLENCE

##### HON. JOSEPH R. PITTS

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 25, 2008*

Mr. PITTS. Madam Speaker, I stand today to commend the opening of the new Dove Chocolate Center for Excellence in Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania on Monday, September 29th. On the 29th, I will join Dove in celebrating the completion of a \$70 million factory expansion. The expansion not only represents an investment in Mars production capacity, but represents a \$70 million investment in the Elizabethtown community as well.

Mars Snackfood US has a history in Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania, dating back to 1970 when Mars, Incorporated purchased the Klein Chocolate Company. In order to keep up with production demand, their facility, which was originally built in 1915, has been renovated and expanded several times since the purchase in 1970. Today, the Elizabethtown plant is the center of the Mars Snackfood US chocolate making world, roasting and grinding the cocoa beans used in the company's various snack products.

Mars currently employs more than 300 people at the Elizabethtown plant, and the expansion will retain current jobs and add more than 30 new jobs as well. As a part of the financial commitment to the expansion, in November 2007 Mars showed its ongoing commitment to the Elizabethtown community by contributing \$125,000 to the borough to be used for mitigating traffic concerns during the expansion project.

I want to congratulate Mars on the completion of a successful expansion project and praise their commitment to American jobs by

maintaining and indeed expanding production here in Pennsylvania, to the benefit of the Elizabethtown community. It is important that we recognize firms like Mars for their investment in the communities in which they operate. At a time when many jobs are being sent overseas, I commend Mars for creating expanding opportunities for employment right here in Pennsylvania's 16th Congressional District.

#### TAIWAN NATIONAL DAY

##### HON. EDWARD R. ROYCE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 25, 2008*

Mr. ROYCE. Madam Speaker, I wish to recognize the Republic of China's National Day, which is October 10th.

Madam Speaker, Taiwan and the U.S. have a long and valued partnership. For over half a century, a close relationship has existed between the United States and Taiwan, which has been of significant political, economic, and cultural advantage to both countries. Taiwan is one of the few vibrant democracies in the region, and its citizens enjoy all of the civil liberties found in the United States and Europe. Freedom House, in its ratings of freedom, consistently rate the people of Taiwan to be among the freest in Asia.

As a member of the Congressional Caucus on Taiwan, it gives me great pleasure to witness the impressive democratic and economic transformations that Taiwan has undergone. Mr. Ma Ying-jeou was elected president of Taiwan in March of this year and took office in May. The transfer of power from the Democratic Progressive Party to the Nationalist Party was smooth and peaceful. President Ma stresses economic competitiveness for Taiwan, strong bilateral relations with the United States, and gradual improvement of cross-strait relations.

Again, I extend my congratulations to the people of Taiwan on their National Day.

#### HONORING THE SOUTHFIELD VETERANS COMMISSION AND SOUTHFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY

##### HON. SANDER M. LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 25, 2008*

Mr. LEVIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Southfield Veterans Commission and Southfield Public Library for their outstanding participation in the Veterans History Project of the Library of Congress.

The Library of Congress Veterans History Project collects and archives the personal recollections of U.S. wartime veterans, to honor their service and to share their stories with current and future generations.

The Southfield Veterans Commission and Southfield Public Library have worked together to ensure that veterans from the city of Southfield and surrounding communities have their stories included in and honored by the project. Their efforts have become a model for other organizations and communities.

Under the leadership of chairman Dan Brightwell, the commission has collected the

histories of over 70 local veterans. Each week, members of the commission volunteer their own time and skills to interview and record the stories of each veteran and prepare the histories to be archived at the Library of Congress.

These interviews have preserved extraordinary stories of individual service and important moments in our Nation's history. They include the first-hand accounts of a young man at Pearl Harbor on the morning of December 7, 1941; a 21-year-old Army nurse lieutenant treating the wounded on Fiji islands; a Marine fighting on the island of Pelilu and Guadalcanal; a Tuskegee Airman shot down over Germany and captured as a prisoner of war; a 19-year-old Army private storming Normandy beach, and veterans from the most horrific battles of the Vietnam conflict.

The Southfield Public Library was named as a Partner Archive to serve as a local repository for Veterans History Project interviews. The library provides space each week for the collection of veterans' histories and has created an online archive where residents can easily view and enjoy local veterans' stories.

This Veterans Day, November 11, 2008, I am proud to recognize the Southfield Veterans Commission, the Southfield Public Library, and the local veterans who have contributed their stories to the Veterans History Project at a special event, "Honoring Southfield's Veterans," at the Southfield Public Library. This special celebration brings together the Southfield community to honor local veterans for their service to their fellow citizens and country and the work of the local volunteers to preserve their stories so that future generations can learn from their service and sacrifice.

#### RECOGNIZING THE NATIONAL DAY OF TAIWAN

##### HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 25, 2008*

Mr. ENGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise to extend my warmest wishes to the Taiwanese people in anticipation of the celebration of their National Day on October 10, 2008.

For nearly 30 years, the U.S. and Taiwan have shared an official commitment of friendship and cooperation. Not only is the bond between our peoples very strong, but the framework established by the 1979 Taiwan Relations Act continues to provide a solid foundation for the close relations between our two countries. Our ties have been particularly strengthened by the Taiwanese-American community, which has made pivotal contributions to American social, economic, and political life.

When I recently visited Taiwan, I met with newly elected President Ma Ying-jeou and learned about the great development in his country. I witnessed first-hand the success of Taiwan's robust democracy and vibrant economy. This year, Taiwan has risen to become the U.S.'s ninth largest trading partner. Through the maintenance of strong dialogue and collaboration, our nations will surely continue to benefit from the mutual advantages we offer one another.

Taiwan also plays a critical role in the shared goal of maintaining peace and stability